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Dear Mr. Mexic:

This is in response to your letter received 10 May and 07 August 2002 inquiring about the status of U.S. patent application 09/936,160 filed 10 September 2001. The application is being processed by the U.S. Designated/Elected Office and an Office action will soon be issued.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nguyễn Ngọc Hồ".

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